

BITS Goa, Texas A&M university to sign MoU

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Panaji: BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa campus is preparing to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Texas A&M University, USA, making a student as well faculty exchange possible between the two institutes.

Recently, from December 28, 2017 to January 14, the BITS Pilani Goa campus hosted 17 students from the university. They were here for a course in engineering ethics.

This two-week programme was the Goa campus' first study India programme. Associate dean, international programmes, professor N N Ghosh, one of the coordinators, said that there is now a proposal to conduct such programmes annually.

Apart from intense classroom teaching, the visiting students were taken to various prominent places around the state to expose them to the Goan culture. The course was aimed at educating students in engineering ethics in a new cultural environment to

augment their social and global skill sets to compete in a tightly integrated world, Ghosh said.

The course for the visiting students was jointly conducted by accompanying professors from the Texas A&M University, professor Paul Mario Koola and professor John Curry O'Day. The topics covered included professional and employee rights and whistleblowing, environmental issues, and conflict of interests.

Along with Ghosh, former associate dean for international programmes and collaboration division of BITS Pilani Goa campus, professor M Srikanth coordinated the programme. While Ghosh is faculty member at the department of chemistry, Srikanth is a faculty member at the department of chemistry and biological sciences.



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